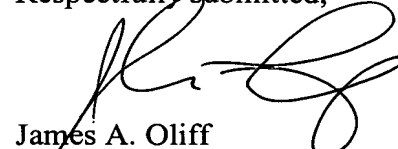


REMARKS

Claims 1 - 21 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 - 11, 13 - 16 and 19 - 21 are amended to eliminate reference numerals. Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

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